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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 4/2/2008 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Applicant argues that the magnification in Niikawa does not display the same image.

In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Niikawa teaches zooming function in [0084] and [0087]. The zooming function changes the size of the same image when the zooming function is activated in response to the user input. When the user zooms into a certain area of the image, that area is magnified and displayed on the LCD. Although Niikawa teaches storing the image of different size in the VRAM, the size of the same image changes when the user activates the zooming function. Moreover, however the size of the image changes, it is still the same image.

Applicant argues that Niikawa does not teach reproducing audio and controlling reproducing image data so that a display size of the image gradually changes until audio data generated at the pick-up timing.

In response, the examiner respectfully disagrees. Since the rejection is under 35 USC 103, Niikawa reference should be read as a combination with Ejima et al.. Ejima et al. teach reproducing audio with the speaker in Fig. 4. Therefore, with the zooming function in Niikawa, the combination teaches reproducing audio and controlling reproducing image data so that a display size of the image gradually changes until audio data generated at the pick-up timing.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to TAT CHI CHIO whose telephone number is (571)272-9563. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday 9:00 AM-5:00 PM EST.

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